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## NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

*The Major League of Negro Baseball*

New York Black Yankees  
Philadelphia Stars  
Homestead Grays  
Newark Eagles  
Cuban Stars  
Baltimore Elite Giants  
Toledo Crawfords

### TO MEMBERS OF NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The meeting of the American Negro League will be held in Chicago, on Sat., Dec. 9th, and Sun., Dec. 10th, 1939.

In the matter of contracts for 1940.

Owners Semler and Pompey have requested that I send them contracts. Before getting some of these made up, I would like to hear from each member if the contracts of 1939 are satisfactory, or, if anyone has any suggestions, which would improve them.

I will wait until Dec. 3 to give everyone an opportunity to answer before I get them printed. Last year, I sent each member 100. If no changes are made, do you still have enough for this year?

On Oct. 15, 1939, I was appointed Commissioner of Athletics of the I. B. O. P. E. of the World by the Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. J. Finley Wilson. This great featured Fraternal Organization has the largest membership of any Fraternal Organization among our race.

I am setting up an Athletic Program, which naturally includes Baseball. We have found in our Baseball experience, that at times it has become necessary to have League games played in other cities, than our home city. When we do this we have been compelled to call upon an individual promoter. We have at least Forty Cities within our territory, which can afford at least one of our League games each year, some have never been exploited.

It is my plan, with your co-operation, to have one Elks Baseball Day each year in each one of these cities. If there are two or more lodges in the particular city, we will have their combined co-operation under a Grand Lodge decree.

I am at present contacting the State Exalted Rulers to get Lodges of each city, who can promote a Baseball game in big way, especially those cities where the Lodges have their own band and a membership of over two-hundred. The financial arrangement will have to be worked out in proportion to the cost of the Park.